

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : C. Robert Gasparrini et al. Art Unit: 2854
Serial No. : 09/211,030 Examiner: R. Yan
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For : **SOAK ON SITE AND SOAK ON PRESS
CLEANING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USING SAME**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Preliminary to a substantive examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-34 and 44-50 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 35 and add new claim 51 as follows:

35. (Amended) A method of presoaking cloth for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press, the method comprising:

contacting a strip of cleaning fabric with a low volatility, compound solvent which does not evaporate readily at ambient temperature and pressure and soaking and saturating said strip of cleaning fabric with said solvent;

wrapping said strip of cleaning fabric to form a cleaning fabric supply roll;

and

engaging said saturated cleaning fabric supply roll with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned without disposing of a heat-sealed plastic sleeve about said fabric

roll and without substantially disturbing the distribution of said solvent in said fabric roll and detrimentally affecting the cleaning ability of the fabric.

--51. (New) A method of presoaking cloth for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press, the method comprising:

contacting a cleaning fabric supply roll with a low volatility, compound solvent which does not evaporate readily at ambient temperature and pressure and soaking and saturating said cleaning fabric supply roll with said solvent; and

engaging said saturated cleaning fabric supply roll with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned without disposing of a heat-sealed plastic sleeve about said fabric roll and without substantially disturbing the distribution of said solvent in said fabric roll and detrimentally affecting the cleaning ability of the fabric.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 and 44-50 have been cancelled and claim 35 has been amended.

Claim 51 has been added. No new matter has been added.

Claims 35-43 is directed to a method of presoaking cloth for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press. The cloth is pre-soaked, in proximity to the press, with a low volatility, compound solvent and then wrapped to form a cleaning fabric supply roll. This roll is then engaged with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned. As indicated in the specification, this method allows transportation of the presoaked cleaning fabric supply roll to the press without substantially disturbing the distribution of the solvent in the cleaning fabric supply roll and detrimentally affecting the cleaning ability of the fabric. Also, this method is

environmentally safe because there is no need to dispose of a heat-sealed plastic sleeve, unlike that required by U.S. Patent No. 5,368,157 to Gasparrini et al.

New claim 51 is directed to a method of presoaking an entire cleaning fabric supply roll for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press. The entire cleaning fabric supply roll is pre-soaked, in proximity to the press, with a low volatility, compound solvent. This roll is then engaged with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned.

In the event that a telephone conference would advance examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

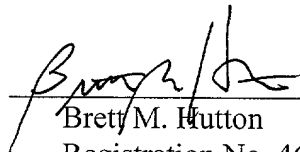
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0140-4126US4.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-34 and 44-50 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 35 as follows:

35. (Amended) A method of presoaking cloth for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press, the method comprising:

[(a)] contacting a strip of cleaning fabric with a low volatility, compound solvent which does not evaporate readily at ambient temperature and pressure and soaking and saturating said strip of cleaning fabric with said solvent; [and]

[(b)] wrapping said strip of cleaning fabric to form a cleaning fabric supply roll; and

[(c)] engaging said saturated cleaning fabric supply roll with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned without disposing of a heat-sealed plastic sleeve about said fabric roll and without substantially disturbing the distribution of said solvent in said fabric roll and detrimentally affecting the cleaning ability of the fabric.